(d) whether Government propose to make elaborate changes at the railway stations in Delhi, and if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir, at New Delhi Railway Station.

(b) The following steps are being taken to control crowd at New Delhi Railway Station:

(i) Restriction on issue of platform tickets.

(ii) Limiting, to the extent possible, the stacking of parcels and RMS bags on the passenger platforms.

(iii) Preparation of a Master Plan to develop terminal facilities at other stations in Delhi.

In addition, it is also proposed to make alterations in the foot-over-bridges at New Delhi station.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. A Master Plan has been developed. No target date has been fixed.

पुराने रेलवे पुल

908. **श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में इस समय 50 वर्ष से अधिक पुराने रेलवे पुल कितने हैं ;

(ख) क्या ये पुल इनसे गुजरने वाली गाड़ियों के भार को वहन करने की क्षमता रखते हैं ; और

(ग) क्या इन पुलों के नवीकरण का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री महाबीर प्रसाद) : (क) ऐसे लगभग 81,500 पुल हैं ।

(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) प्रति वर्ष सभी रेल पुलों का निरीक्षण किया जाता है और आवश्यकता पाये जाने पर मरम्मत की जाती है । जिन पुलों की हालत खस्ता हो जाती है उन्हें कार्यक्रम के आधार पर फिर से बनाया जाता है या उन की विशेष रूप से मरम्मत करके पुनः स्थापित कर दिया जाता है ।

Development of Chitrakoot as Tourist Resort

909. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have taken steps to develop Chitrakoot as a tourist resort exposed to national and international tourist in view of its close proximity to Khajuraho;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, how do Government propose to extend facilities to the national and international tourists visiting Khajuraho to cover up Chitrakoot during their visit; and

(d) what facilities have been provided by Government to tourists in Chitrakot to attract their attention?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. With a view to providing accommodation facilities to tourists visiting Chitrakoot the Central Department of Tourism has constructed a Yatrika through the Bharatiya Yatri Awas Vikas Samiti. In addition, Department has drawn up plans in consultation with the Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh to develop a new travel circuit in the